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(Flemington, NJ)—Cadet 1st Lieutenant Stephen Pettit has been appointed to Cadet Commander of the Civil Air Patrol Delaware Valley Composite Squadron and assumed his duties on August 13, 2007.

As Cadet Commander, Cadet 1st Lieutenant Pettit's duties will include coordinating squadron activities, running the cadet portion of the squadron, and serving as a liaison between cadet and senior members. Cadet Pettit stepped into the position upon his predecessor, Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Stopinski's departure into the U.S. Air Force basic training.

Civil Air Patrol members are appointed to new positions based on training, experience, and years of service in the Civil Air Patrol.

Cadet 1st Lieutenant Pettit attends North Hunterdon High School and is a volunteer fire fighter on the Annandale Hose Co. Pettit joined The U.S. Civil Air Patrol in April 2004. Two years later he received his Wright Brothers Award, then his Mitchell Award the following year. In 2006 he attended Falcon Flight Encampment and was one out of three of his class to earn the opportunity to fly solo. Pettit states, "The mission of Civil Air Patrol goes beyond self interest, it is about helping others and I intend on staying with the program for many years to come."

Civil Air Patrol, the official U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, is a civilian, volunteer, nonprofit, service organization. The unpaid members perform more than 85 percent of inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center. Volunteers also take a leading role in aerospace education and conduct one of American's finest youth programs through CAP Cadet Programs.

For more information about Civil Air Patrol, please visit our squadron website at <http://delval.njwg.cap.gov/> or contact our squadron commander, Shannon Bingert at shnin6@msn.com.

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Cadet 1st Lieutenant Stephen Pettit (left) & Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Kevin Stopinski following cadet Pettit's promotion to Cadet Commander.